

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert at line 5 on page 3 the following sentence:

FIG. 3 is a partial plan view of a golf ball according to a non-limiting embodiment of the invention and illustrates lands that have I, L, T, H and crisscross (+) shapes.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 1, there is illustrated in plan view a portion of a golf ball 1 according to one embodiment of the invention. The golf ball in the form of a spherical elastic body has a spherical surface 2 on which a plurality of discrete, linearly extending ridge-like lands 3 are arranged. The ridge-like lands 3 are combined to define a multiplicity of cavities or recesses 4. One cavity 4 is surrounded by several lands 3. In this embodiment, the cavities 4 are arranged substantially uniformly over the spherical surface. The lands 3 have a linear shape or I-shape in FIG. 1, but the shape of lands (as viewed in plane) is not limited thereto. The lands may also be constructed by one or more shape elements including curvilinearly extending shapes such as an arcuate shape and S-shape and variant linear shapes such as T, L, H and crisscross (+) shapes (as illustrated in FIG. 3). Alternatively, such a different shape element may be partially incorporated in a land of linear shape or vice versa. It is noted that the term "linearly" or "curvilinearly" extending land means that a land extends linearly or curvilinearly as viewed in plane at that land position and as seen in FIG. 1 and FIG. 3.